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SUBJ: PETROLEUM EXPLORATION: A LITTLE OIL IN KANEM

REF: NDJAMENA A-52 (NOTAL)

1. REFAIR REPORTED THAT WITH CONCLUSION FEW FURTHER TESTS, CONOCO'S KANEM NO. 1 WELL WOULD BE CLOSED DOWN AND DRILLING WOULD BE MOVED SOUTH NEAR DOBA FOR DRY SEASON. CONOCO OFFICIALS REPORTED LAST WEEK TO EMB AND TO PRESIDENCY THAT FINAL TESTS AT KANEM NO. 1 HAD REVEALED PRESENCE OIL BEARING SANDS AT MODERATE DEPTHS. SAND LAYERS ARE THIN, ACCORDING TO CONOCO-CHAD PRESIDENT ANDRE VOEGELI, BUT GEOLOGIC STRUCTURE IN WHICH KANEM NO. 1 SITUATED IS EXTENSIVE AND POSSIBILITY EXISTS LAYERS ARE OF GREATER THICKNESS ELSEWHERE IN STRUCTURE, WHICH MAY INDICATE COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES. TWO TEST SAMPLES, TOTALING 60-75 BARRELS WERE TAKEN FROM WELL, AND WERE FOUND TO BE HEAVY, WITH SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF 19 TO 20. NO GAS PRESENT, AND NECES-
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SARY PUMP PETROLEUM FROM WELL. ACCORDING TO CONOCO, THIS FIRST

EVIDENCE PETROLEUM DISCOVERED INTERIOR AFRICAN CONTINENT.
CONOCO EXPECTS UNDERTAKE FURTHER EXPLORATION THIS STRUCTURE
AT BEGINNING NEXT RAINY SEASON JUNE 1975.

2. CONOCO BEGINNING MOVE EQUIPMENT SOUTH TOWARDS DOBA, BUT IN
VIEW CONTINUING DIFFICULTIES SURFACE TRANSPORTATION, CONOCO HAS
MOVED RIG USED AT KANEM NO. 1 MID-WAY BETWEEN RIG-RIG AND MAO
IN KANEM PROVINCE FOR NEW HOLE, KANEM NO. 2. KANEM NO. 2
PRESENTLY AT ABOUT 1,500 FEET AFTER TWO WEEKS DRILLING. IT IS
LOCATED IN DIFFERENT GEOLOGIC STRUCTURE, THE "KASAKI FORMATION",
THAN KANEM NO. 1. NO POSITIVE INDICATIONS THUS FAR. DRILLING
EXPECTED BE COMPLETED AND RIG MOVED TO SOUTH BY EARLY DECEMBER.

3. COMMENT: GOC ANNOUNCED RADIO AND PRESS OCT 19 THAT
"PETROLEUM DISCOVERED IN KANEM", BUT IN CAUTIOUSLY WORDED RE-
LEASE WRITTEN BY VOEGELI AT REQUEST PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE
MEDIA CAREFUL TO EMPHASIZE THAT MUCH FURTHER WORK REMAINS BEFORE
FINAL DETERMINATION CAN BE MADE OF WHETHER KANEM FINDS COULD
BECOME COMMERCIAL. IN OPINION LOCAL CONOCO OFFICIALS,
GOC ANNOUNCEMENT STIMULATED PRINCIPALLY BY POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY,
A VIEW WHICH EMB SHARES.
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